

USACE LEGAL SERVICES WORKSHOP

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HQUSACE PCA REVIEW

Approved Models

(Continuing Authority Program)

♦ Section 14 Aug 94

Section 205 Aug 94 (structural & non-structural)

Section 208Aug 94

Section 204 Apr 95 (ecosystem restoration)

Section 206 (aquatic ecosystem restoration)

♦ Section 1135 Feb 98



HQUSACE PCA REVIEW Approved Models (Specifically Authorized Projects)

- Flood Control
- Commercial Navigation
- PED Agreements
- FCSA
- Sections 304, 307, 313, 101, etc. (environmental infrastructure)
- See Office of Counsel Home Page for latest version



Models Under Development

Design AgreementsSummer 98

Commercial Navigation Summer 98
 (specifically authorized)

Commercial Navigation Summer 98 (Section 107)



Delegated Authority

- PED Agreement no deviations from model
- Structural Flood Control PCA
 - No deviations from model
 - DE may approve & sign if Federal cost is less than \$50 M
 - ◆ MSC DE may approve & sign if Federal cost is over \$50 M
- ♦ Note: ASA(CW) reserves right to sign any politically sensitive agreement



Delegated Authority Being Requested

- Design Agreement
 - No deviations from model
 - MSC approves deviations from model
- Commercial navigation PCA
 - No deviations from model
 - No limit on Federal cost



Common PCA Problems

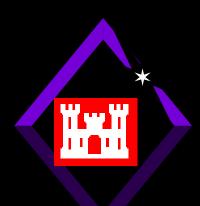
- Decision document not approved
- Project description in PCA does not match approved decision document
- PCA does not match Chief's Report
- Deviations from model not in accordance

 Insufficient justification for deviations from model



Common PCA Problems

- Incomplete NEPA documentation
 - N/A is not applicable
- Incorrectly completed funds allocation
- Poorly defined responsibilities for:
 - disposal areas
 - LERR'S
 - Monitoring/surveillance
 - Local service facilities



Common PCA Problems

- Incomplete financing packages
 Must address financing for OMRR&R
 and LERR(D)'S
- Multiple non-Federal sponsors/third party agreements



- Ensure PCA package is complete
- Do not deviate from model unless

- If deviate from model, provide detailed reasons for deviation
- Ensure draft PCA includes all items
 of local cooperation identified in
 decision document and/or Chief's Report



- Approved decision document has current description of:
 - Project features
 - Local service facilities
 - Disposal areas
 - Section 104 credits
 - Any non-Federal sponsor monitoring or other responsibilities
 - Items of local cooperation



- Ensure <u>all</u> environmental coordination is complete
 - Financing plan should address all financial responsibilities of the sponsor
 - Cash
 - Credits
 - LERR(D)'S
 - OMRR&R



- District assessment should discuss sponsor's ability to fund all financial responsibilities
 - Cash
 - LERR(D)'S
 - OMRR&R
 - Vehicle to provide contributions
 (e.g., escrow, letter of credit, etc.)



- Always use latest version of:
 - Checklist Policy Hot Page PCA Page
 - Model Office of Counsel Home Page
- Allow plenty of time in schedule for



Requirements for PCA Package Submitted to to CECW-AR for Review (6 copies)

(Continuing Authority Program)

- Draft PCA
- Certificate of legal review signed by District Counsel
- List of deviations from model & reasons for deviations
- CAP PCA Checklist
- Letter of Intent from non-Federal sponsor
- Approved decision document (1 copy)



PCA Package Requirements for CECW-AR Review (Specifically Authorized Projects)

- Draft PCA
- Certificate of legal review signed by District Counsel
- List of deviations from appropriate model
 PCA and detailed reasons for deviations
- PCA Checklist
- Sponsor's financing plan
- District Assessment of sponsor's financial
- Federal/non-Federal funds allocation table
- Signed Chief's Report
- Approved decision document (1 copy)